

COMMITTEE CHARGE
Semiquincentennial Committee
(Menotomy 250)

- Length of Term:** Following the completion of all planned activities in 2026.
- Meeting Times:** As determined by the Committee.
Provide for a minimum of three community meetings (one daytime/one evening/one weekend day) to solicit public comment within the first 18 months of the Committee's formation.
- Description:** To evaluate, make recommendations and coordinate the Town-wide activities to be held to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the battles that occurred on the first day of the American War of Independence (said remembrances to be concentrated in April 2025) and other historical events related to the founding of our country. And to further the coordination of the Town's events with local, state, regional and federal events.
- Deliverables:** As part of its study and investigation, the committee shall develop a comprehensive plan for celebrating and promoting the 250th anniversary of those Revolutionary War battles that took place in Menotomy to include:
1. Identification of funding needs
 2. Identification of potential sources of funding, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Commemorative Memorabilia
 - b. Public/Private Partnerships
 - c. Gifts and Grants (private, state and/or federal)
 3. Identification of opportunities for individuals or organizations to participate in celebrations with a commitment to diversity, inclusiveness, and opportunity at all levels and activities
 4. Exploration of transportation-related issues
 5. Planning for marketing and communication
 6. Determination of sub-committees and/or additional staff support needed to assist with event planning
 7. Updates to be presented to the Select Board at least quarterly.

Criteria for Membership

The following organizations shall be invited to appoint one representative or designee each:

- Select Board
- School Committee
- Arlington Tourism and Economic Development (A-TED) Committee
- Town Meeting (to be appointed by the Moderator)
- Arlington Historical Society
- Arlington Delegation to the Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee
- Chamber of Commerce
- Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture
- Menotomy Minutemen

Additionally, the Select Board shall appoint two members of the general public, preferably individuals with a background or interest in history, event planning, and/or logistics.

All organizations providing representatives shall strongly be encouraged to consider matters of diversity, equity, and inclusion in making their designations.

Organization

The designee of the Select Board shall convene the first meeting of the committee, which shall be held for the purposes of electing a chair and any other officers as may be appropriate.